

Amendments to the Claims:

Status of Claims:

Claims 1 and 3-22 are pending for examination.

Claim 22 is added by the present amendment.

Claim 2 is canceled by the present amendment.

Claims 1, 11, 16, 21 are in independent form.

1. (Currently Amended) A printing device, comprising:

a connector configured to communicate with a network; and

a controller configured to communicate with the connector, the controller being configured to determine an error status during an operation of the printing device and to cause a message to be transmitted using a telephone call over a telephone network to a mobile device based on the error status.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the controller being configured to receive input signals including signals for causing an output to be generated, the printing device further including:

means for generating the output.

4. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the means for generating the output includes:

a printing component.

5. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the controller generates output signals for establishing a communication path with the mobile device as a function of respective operating statuses of at least one of the means for generating the output and the controller.

6. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

a format of a portion of the controller output signals is at least one of a) packetized and b) digital;

any of the portion of the controller output signals in the packetized format are converted to a de-packetized format for establishing the communication path between the controller and the mobile device; and

any of the portion of the controller output signals in the digital format are converted to an analog format for establishing the communication path between the controller and the mobile device.

7. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the portion of the controller output signals in the packetized format are converted to the de-packetized format and the portion of the controller output signals in the digital format are converted to the analog format in a gateway communicating with the network.

8. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to receive input signals from the mobile device via a communication path.

9. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 8, wherein:

any of the portion of the controller input signals transmitted from the mobile device in a de-packetized format are converted to a packetized format before being received by the controller;

any of the portion of the controller input signals transmitted from the mobile device in an analog format are converted to a digital format before being received by the controller.

10. (Previously Presented) The printing device as set forth in claim 9, wherein:

the portion of the controller input signals are received from the mobile device via a gateway;

any of the portion of the controller input signals are converted to the packetized format and the analog format within the gateway.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium comprising:

computer readable program code means operable within a peripheral device for causing a communication path to be established between the peripheral device and a mobile device via a gateway in response to an operating status of the peripheral device, where the communication path includes a path from the peripheral device to a local area network, to the gateway, to a public switched telephone network, and to the mobile device;

computer readable program code means for determining the operating status of the peripheral device; and

computer readable program code means for generating a signal, as a function of the operating status of the peripheral device, for causing the communication path to be established to allow messages to be transmitted between the peripheral device and the mobile device.

12. (Original) The computer program product as set forth in claim 11, wherein:
the operating status of the peripheral device is one of “error” and “no-error”; and
if the operating status is “error”, the computer readable program code means generates the signal for causing the communication path to be established.
13. (Original) The computer program product as set forth in claim 11, wherein the computer readable program code means generates the signal having at least one of a packetized format and a digital format.
14. (Original) The computer program product as set forth in claim 13, wherein:
the gateway ensures the signal is in a de-packetized format and an analog format; and
the computer readable program code means generates the signal to include a mobile device identifier.
15. (Original) The computer program product as set forth in claim 11, further including:
computer readable program code means for interpreting a signal received from the mobile device.
16. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing a communication path between a printing device and a mobile device, the method comprising:
causing the printing device to determine an operating status of the printing device; and
causing the printing device to generate a signal, as a function of the operating status, for causing the communication path to be established between the printing device and the mobile device by transmitting a telephone call to the mobile device over a telephone network.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for establishing the communication path as set forth in claim 16, wherein the generating includes:

if the operating status indicates an error within the printing device, generating the signal for causing the communication path to be established.

18. (Previously Presented) The method for establishing the communication path as set forth in claim 16, further including:

transmitting the signal from the printing device to the mobile device via a gateway; and

within the gateway, ensuring the signal is in at least one of a de-packetized format and an analog format.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for establishing the communication path as set forth in claim 16, further including:

transmitting a second signal from the mobile device to the printing device via the gateway.

20. (Original) The method for establishing the communication path as set forth in claim 19, further including:

within the gateway, ensuring the signal is in at least one of a packetized format and a digital format.

21. (Previously Presented) A printing device configured to generate print output, the printing device comprising:

a controller configured to cause a telephone call to be transmitted to a mobile phone in response to an error status that occurs during operation of the printing device.

22. (New) The computer program product as set forth in claim 11, wherein computer readable program code means for generating a signal is configured to allow messages to be transmitted between the peripheral device and the mobile device over a telephone network using a telephone call to the mobile device.